

GARRETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT – November 2012
Month in Review

Department of Economic Development

1. The Board executed a Resolution to acquire certain real property commonly known as the Keyser's Ridge Business Park from the MD Economic Development Corp. and sponsors the submittal of an application to the MD Department of Business and Economic Development for the acquisition of the real property.
2. The Board approved and executed at Resolution endorsing and supporting the GC Chamber of Commerce, Inc.'s grant application to the MD Department of Business and Economic Development in the amount of \$25,000 for the development of a County Branding Study in support of the County's Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Emergency Management Division

1. Emergency Management Coordinator and Emergency Management Planner briefed the Board on the response and recovery process underway as a result of the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy
2. The Board appointed Johnny Mayne to the GC Emergency Services Board to represent Southern Garrett Rescue Squad.

Department of Financial Services

1. Brief on an interstate sales tax issue between the County and a Pennsylvania based business.
2. Review of a Capital Project Request Report for County departments that can be prioritized and submitted for funding consideration and approval through the State General Bond Obligation Program. The Board agreed to submit the following projects and applicable cost for consideration:
 - a) Dennett Road Data Center - \$250,000
 - b) MD 495/New Germany Road Intersection Improvement - \$896,484
 - c) US 219/Glendale Road Intersection - \$1,827,264

Legislative Matters

1. The Board presented legislative matters to Senator George Edwards and Delegate Wendell Beitzel which will be presented to the MD General Assembly during the 2013 Session:
 - a) A request by the Board that the MD General Assembly provide legislative authority to the Board on behalf of the Board of Governors of GC Memorial Hospital authorizing and empowering the Board to borrow not more than \$15,000,000 in order to assist in the financing of the cost of hospital improvements at GC Memorial Hospital.
 - b) A request by the Board that the MD General Assembly provide the Board with enabling authority for the purpose of requiring that certain wind energy conversion systems comply with certain setback requirements; authorizing certain variances under certain circumstances; requiring that before a permit is issued for certain wind energy conversion systems, the GC Department of Planning and Land Development retain at the applicant's expense a certain professional engineer to prepare a certain cost estimate and require the applicant to post a certain bond; requiring that the bond be held as surety for certain purposes; requiring, on completion of the construction of certain wind energy conversion systems and on a certain periodic basis, the Department to retain at the applicant's expense a certain professional engineer for certain purposes; authorizing the Department to alter the amount of a certain bond under certain circumstances; providing for the release of a bond under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to require a certain owner to decommission and restore a certain pad site under certain circumstances; authorizing the use of a certain bond under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing that a certain rule, regulation, law, or ordinance for zoning of wind energy conversion systems supersedes this Act; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to wind turbines in GC.
 - c) The GC Liquor Control Board presented the following proposed and to be requested legislative matters which will be included in the GC 2013 Legislative List to include B&B specific for GC to the Corkage BYOW regulations; Sunday Sales—request to allow Class "D" establishments in an approved district to sell on Sunday with a "meal"; Sunday Sales – add "In an election district with a precinct in which the voters in a referendum authorized by law approved Sunday sales; Wine Festival; Refillable containers; Deluxe BDR Beer & Wine License; Kegs of beer returned on a Sunday; and Beer Festival create new festival license.

Department of Planning & Land Development

1. The Board appointed Jeffrey Conner to serve on the GC Planning Commission.
2. The Board discussed the following issues related to DCL.
 - a) Zoning boundaries for the DC Watershed as defined in the 2008 GC Comprehensive Plan and DC Watershed Zoning Ordinance
 - b) Follow up discussion on dialog with the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources on November 14, 2012
 - c) Follow up discussion on communication received as a result of the November 14, 2012 Public Information Meeting conducted by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources

Purchasing Department

1. The Board approved a recommendation of bid award for Contractual Snow Plowing to a number of bidders based on specific location. The list is on file with the Purchasing Department.
2. The Board approved a recommendation of bid award for Aviation Gasoline Grade 100 LL to Purvis Brothers, Inc. and for Aviation Turbine Fuel – Jet A to Arrow Energy. Price per gallon based on number of gallons for each product is on file with the Purchasing Department.

Miscellaneous

1. The Board agreed to request funding of \$13,200 to GC Community Action Committee for Dennett Road – Oakland Head Start Center janitorial expenses.
2. The Board approved the appointment of the Local Management Board Members to serve as the GC Early Childhood Advisory Council.
3. The Board participated in the 2nd Annual State of DCL meeting conducted by Department of Natural Resources Secretary John Griffin. This meeting was held at St. Peter's Catholic Church Community Building.
4. Commissioner Crawford presented a briefing on gypsy moth suppression costs estimated for GC for the spring of 2013. .
5. The Board discussed the adoption of a DCL Shoreline Stabilization Projects Incentive Program Policy which will be considered for approval and adoption.
6. The Board appointed Karl Schwalm to the Board of Trustees of the Ruth Enlow Library of GC.